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IN RE APPLICATION OF

CHENG ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/081,075

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FOR: SUBSTITUTED ACID DERIVATIVES USEFUL AS ANTIDIABETIC AND ANTI-OBESITY AGENTS AND METHOD

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**PREEXAMINATION AMENDMENT**

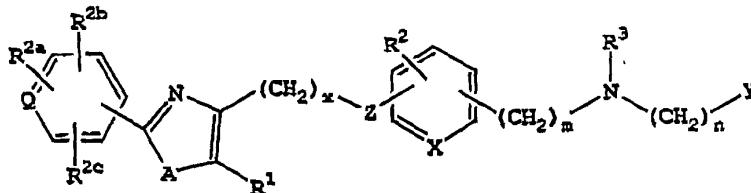
Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application to read as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claim 34 to read as follows:

--34. (Twice Amended) A method for lowering blood glucose levels or for treating diabetes, or for treating an early malignant disease, a malignant disease, or a dysplastic disease, which comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound which has the structure




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During a telephone discussion, the Examiner raised an objection to Claim 34 which involved treating "a premalignant disease". Applicants have deleted "a premalignant disease" from Claim 34 via the above amendment.

It is believed that this application is in good form for examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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